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Dear Sir/Madame:

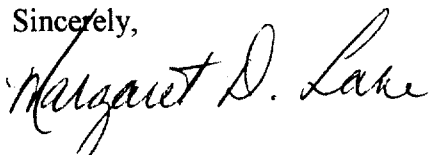
I am writing to urge the FDA to eliminate the practice of forced molting layer hens. This practice is intensely cruel resulting in much suffering and death. Research has also shown that forced molting significantly increases the frequency and severity of salmonella enteritidis among hens, resulting in a diseased bird and a contaminated egg.

In 1987 forced molting was banned in Great Britain because it is so cruel. Most European countries limit the length of food deprivation to a single day during a forced molt. The hideous conditions that force-molted hens endure warrant the elimination of the practice in the United States as well.

To allow the perpetration of such atrocities as these certainly diminishes our ability to claim we are a "civilized" nation. Please do all that you can to eliminate forced molting.

Your attention is appreciated.

Sincerely,

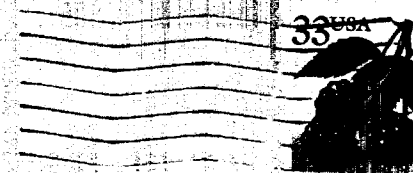
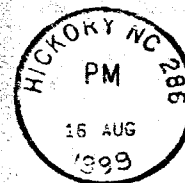


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